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Mr. James Hyde
Office of Legislative Reference
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear Mr. Hyde:

This is in response to your request that we reconsider our report on H.R. 6364 and H.R. 4294, in light of the Defense Department's report on H.R. 6364.

We do not feel there was any inconsistency in the two reports; however, we have revised our report to make it abundantly clear that we are not taking a position on the merits of the legislation. Our report noted our preference on H.R. 4294 over H.R. 6364, merely on the basis that if there were to be a change in concept concerning creditable service for retirement, it should have across the board application to all Federal staff retirement systems.

In view of the above, your advice is requested on our report as revised.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

John M. Maury
Legislative Counsel

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25 April 1973

Mr. Wilfred H. Rommel
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear Mr. Rommel:

Enclosed is a proposed report to Chairman Hebert, House Armed Services Committee, in response to a request for our views and recommendations on H.R. 4294 and H.R. 6364 which provide additional retirement benefits for certain members of the Armed Forces and for certain Federal employees.

Advice is requested as to whether there is any objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

The Honorable F. Edward Hebert, Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your request for our views and recommendations on H.R. 4294 and H.R. 6364 which provide additional retirement benefits for certain members of the Armed Forces and for certain Federal employees.

Both bills authorize additional service credit for retirement equal to the time spent as a prisoner of war or in a missing person status in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam conflict. While both bills apply to military members of the Armed Forces, H.R. 4294 covers all Federal employees and H.R. 6364 is limited to CIA employees covered by the CIA Retirement Act of 1964 for Certain Employees.

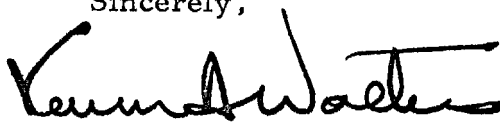
It is believed that legislation of this nature should be applied broadly to all Federal employees and not limited to those who serve under a particular Federal staff retirement system. Without such uniform application, inequities could arise in a single agency, such as CIA where some employees are covered by the Civil Service system and others by the CIA retirement system. For this reason, we favor H.R. 4294 over H.R. 6364.

The provisions which serve as precedent for crediting service under the CIA Retirement Act are those promulgated under the Civil Service Retirement Act. For this reason, we defer to the views of the Civil Service Commission on the policy implications of the legislation.

It is noted that while the legislation applies to former military members, it does not apply to former Federal employees. If the legislation is acted upon, it is recommended that it be amended to extend its benefits to former civilian employees.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vernon A. Walters". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "V" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Vernon A. Walters
Lieutenant General, USA
Acting Director